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| For: LEVEL DETECTION CIRCUIT, |) | Confirmation No.: 6964 |
| PHASE CHANGE DETECTION |) | |
| CIRCUIT, AND OPTICAL DISK |) | |
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Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

According to our records, the above-identified application was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 1, 2004. Applicant's representatives acknowledge, with thanks, receipt of the official Filing Receipt mailed June 16, 2004, as well as the Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document mailed September 24, 2004. Applicant's representatives also acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Publication of Application. However, to date, no Office Action on the merits of the invention has been received.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the applicant is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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